

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1018-02
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 222
Subject: Lakes, Rivers and Waterways; Conservation Dept.; Agriculture and Animals
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Conservation Commission	(\$137,000)	(\$137,000)	(\$137,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	(\$137,000)	(\$137,000)	(\$137,000)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Revenue**, the **Department of Natural Resources**, the **Office of the Attorney General**, the **Missouri Lottery**, the **Department of Agriculture**, and the **Missouri Gaming Commission** assume this proposal would have no impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Conservation** assume the fishing contest provisions in the proposal would have an unknown negative impact on the Conservation Commission Fund depending on the amount of staff time which might be required. Conservation Department officials also assume the provision which would allow fishing without a license on certain holidays would reduce revenues from fishing license sales by \$137,000 per year.

Oversight assumes there would be an insignificant number of such fishing contests conducted and that the cost, if any, could be absorbed by the Department of Conservation. Oversight assumes that a full year's fiscal impact from reduced fishing license sales should be calculated for FY 2004 since the holidays noted in the proposal fall after the effective date of the proposal.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Hand Fishing Provision

Officials from the **Department of Conservation** (MDC) assume the provision allowing hand fishing for catfish and carp during the months of June and July would have no fiscal impact to MDC since this method of fishing is not allowed under existing MDC regulations.

Oversight assumes that MDC could permit hand fishing with a valid license; however, Oversight also assumes that only a minimal number of persons would choose this method of fishing. Therefore, Oversight has not included any fiscal impact to the Conservation Commission Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND			
<u>Revenue reduction</u>			
Fishing license sales	<u>(\$137,000)</u>	<u>(\$137,000)</u>	<u>(\$137,000)</u>
NET EFFECT ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND	<u>(\$137,000)</u>	<u>(\$137,000)</u>	<u>(\$137,000)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposal would allow fishing contests to be conducted without a permit or other authorization from the Department of Conservation. The fishing contest could be conducted on any lake having a shoreline of at least one hundred ten miles if:

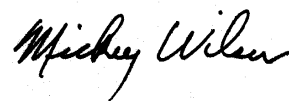
- (1) The contest is part of a multi-state fishing contest or sweepstakes;
- (2) Only one tagged fish per lake participating in the contest has a value not less than one thousand dollars or in excess of one million dollars;
- (3) The tagged fish is tagged by the sponsor of the contest or sweepstakes in the presence of a representative from the department of conservation;
- (4) A fishing license is required in order to participate;
- (5) There is no fee or other consideration required to enter or participate in the contest or sweepstakes; and
- (6) The contest has a duration of less than thirty days.

The proposal also would allow fishing without a license on Father's Day, Mother's Day, and Grandparent's Day weekend, and allow hand fishing for catfish or carp in the months of June and July.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Revenue
Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Attorney General
Missouri Lottery
Department of Agriculture
Missouri Gaming Commission
Department of Conservation



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